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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 30 January 1980

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The Director chaired the meeting. [ ]

The Director noted that during his worldwide briefing of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense yesterday he was questioned about our appreciation of the outlook in Saudi Arabia. A brief discussion followed and the Director concluded that perhaps the tone of his brief was too optimistic, and he requested that we continue to seek to define and refine indicators we hope to follow re Saudi stability. (Action: NFAC)

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Lehman reported that he forwarded a draft of the SNIE on Pakistan to the Director and expressed the hope that it will be ready for him to convey to Dr. Brzezinski and Under Secretary Christopher before they depart tomorrow. The Director said he will be seeing both in the morning and could provide same at that time. [ ]

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Lehman related that State has requested an SNIE on Soviet objectives in Southwest Asia. He expects to have a draft by the end of next week. [ ]

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The Director commented he received a call from Ron Spiers who has replaced Bill Bowdler as Director/INR/State, and Mr. Spiers hopes to visit us here in the near future. [ ]

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Clarke noted that State had sent to Mr. Carlucci their Pakistan contingency planning paper. He noted that NFAC has it for comment and is working on it. Mr. Carlucci wondered if it were needed for the Brzezinski/Christopher trip, and Clarke indicated such was not the case. [ ]

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The Director advised Fitzwater that he had read with interest his report on the latter's visit to Westinghouse to examine their personnel policies. A discussion followed on the vast amount of administrative work supporting the Westinghouse effort and the lessons to be learned from same. [ ]

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Wilson spoke of his understanding of the Director's and Deputy Secretary Claytor's disappointment of the effectiveness of the Schecter group in developing public information themes pertaining to the Iranian/Afghan situation. He noted that we continue to provide the group with excellent material for which there is great enthusiasm but there appears to be little follow up. [ ]

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Clarke reported on work underway to respond to the Director's critique of the NIE 11-3/8 draft. He said it may be necessary to have more than one NFIB meeting on it. [ ]

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Clarke said that at yesterday's SCC meeting Cutler and Aaron raised the desirability of an SR-71 flight over Cuba on 2 February to cover anticipated movement of the Soviet brigade. [ ] explained their [ ] that SR-71 coverage could be useful. The Director asked that a recommendation be made to the SCC for their review and approval. [ ]

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Hitz said there was television coverage at today's hearings on Identities Legislation. He also reported that [ ] had done an excellent job of briefing the Senate Energy Committee. He also briefly noted Mr. Carlucci would be providing testimony tomorrow before the Burlison Subcommittee (HPSCI) on Reserve reprogramming. [ ]

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Hitz called attention to a letter the Director received from Senators Bayh, Goldwater and Inouye recommending an addition to the budget. A brief discussion followed on how to handle the response and the RM draft is now with OLC. In response to Mr. Carlucci's and Lipton's suggestion, the Director indicated he would call D/OMB McIntyre. [ ]

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The Director said that he and SSCI principals had a good meeting with the President this morning on Charters, relief from the Hughes-Ryan Amendment, FOIA Act, and Identities Legislation. He also said that he had an opportunity to straighten out Bill Miller with regard to what foreign liaison data is to be provided the SSCI and that the understanding contained in his 23 January letter to Mr. Carlucci was erroneous. [ ]

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The Director also noted that he had spoken to the Attorney General on the Agee case and found some reluctance to move promptly on the counterclaim in light of the recent ruling by Judge Gesell. [ ] 25X1

Wortman advised that one of the results of the energy shortage is a reluctance by employees to use their private vehicles for reimbursable official use. An analysis showed that it was cheaper to purchase additional vehicles and he has ordered 160. [ ] 25X1 25X1

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The Director noted that we should be pleased with the President's support in the State of The Union Address and public support for relaxation of oversight and controls saying it is testimony to the fine quality of professionals here who have not been discouraged and have adapted to new oversight. The Director cautioned against creating the perception that we are debilitated in public testimony and speeches when in fact we have not been gravely enfeebled. McMahon noted that last year was a banner year for the DDO in terms of progress against hard targets and dissemination of reports. [ ] 25X1 25X1

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